

THE COMET.

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 27, 1890.

The history of the war with incidental mention of Morristown in the Sunday Journal was a great paper. It was hardly fair, however, to speak of Morristown as a great town in ante-bellum days, and then intimate that it was just now arising from its lethargy.

The failure of Barker Bros., of Philadelphia, will not affect the Three C's in the least. A telegram was received Tuesday from Chief Engineer Molesworth, who is in New York that the company had about perfected arrangements with another financial agency to get sufficient funds to complete the grading and lay the track between here and Minneapolis, Va.

Gen. Ewing, President of the Danville and East Tennessee railroad company, with Director Barton Meyers and General Manager T. W. M. Draper will be in this city a few days to talk railroad matters to our people. Our people are aware of the importance to Johnson City of the road. These gentlemen represent and are ready and anxious to do their part towards securing it.

The Carnegie Land Company Acquire More Territory.

Last Monday a deal was closed by which the Carnegie Land Company became owners of the Clark farm, better known as the Sherley property. The land lies on the northeast of and adjoining their lands and is a valuable piece of territory. It contains something over 210 acres and the price paid was \$21,000. Including their recent purchase, the Carnegie Land Company own a large portion of the earth in this neighborhood, accumulative evidence, if any is needed, of its faith in Johnson City's future.

Butler to Contest.

The Johnson City correspondent to the Knoxville Journal is authority for the following:

An intimate friend of Judge Butler is authority for the statement that he is preparing for contesting the election of Congressman Taylor. His notice will be based on irregularities in Johnson, Carter and Washington. He has been busily engaged since the election, so it is said, in obtaining evidence upon which to base his contest. Among other things to be charged is that the ballot box in this precinct was removed from the polling booth and deposited in a livery stable while the officers were at dinner. Technical violation of the poll-tax law will be charged in dozens of precincts, and he proposes to go before the next House with proof of hundreds of violations of that nature. He has visited several places since the election, and it is believed, for no other purpose than to establish his claims.

The Party Lash.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The opinion expressed by Senator Harris and other prominent Democratic leaders that the Republicans will attempt to pass radical partisan bills in the coming session is borne out by the course being taken by President Harrison. It is quite well known that he will urge in his forthcoming message the speedy enactment of an election law, and it has now leaked out that he is engaged in urging all Republican members of the House to be present during the entire session, and so have at all times a quorum of Republican members. This action of the President is taken in view of the fact that so many Republican members have been defeated that some are disheartened by the great Democratic victory and others disgusted because they predicted last session that Reed's tactics were dangerous to the party, that a large number are likely to remain at home part or all of the session, thus leaving the Democrats in the majority. If twenty or thirty Republicans absent themselves the Democrats will have things their own way and Harrison's pet schemes will be knocked in the head. The party lash will be used vigorously.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Board of Trade Chartered and Organization Perfected

The directors of the Board of Trade met Monday night and accepted the charter and elected officers for the first year as follows: W. G. Mathes, President; C. K. Lide and J. E. Brading, Vice-Presidents; Cy H. Lyle, Secretary; A. B. Bowman, Treasurer. After the adjournment of the directors' meeting President Mathes accepted the position to which he had been elected in a pleasant little speech and urged the citizens to become members and to aid by co-operation in the up-building of the city as it is only in concerted effort that any good can be done. A number of the business men were present, and as soon as the books were opened all presented their names with the membership fee for membership. About 25 names were enrolled, and a number of others have signified their intention of becoming members. It is believed that an organization of one hundred can be easily effected, and it is certainly very much desired. A number of matters for the good of the town have already been brought before the board, and if all the business men of the city become members and combine their influence and capital some important enterprises can be secured. Action must be taken at once, and all persons interested in the future of Johnson City are urged to be present and join at the next meeting Monday night in the Opera House. A room has been selected and will be fitted up in a few days with the necessary furniture, maps, specimens of mineral, timber, etc., where the meeting will be held, and to which each member will have access at all times. If you are not a member, join, and thereby identify yourself with the interests of Johnson City.

OVER THE CITY.

Progress of Work on Different Enterprises.

The month of November seems to have been specially prepared for outside work in Johnson City. Contractors have been moving things as if they were inspired and all parts of the city present a scene of activity that creates confidence in the city's future by all who visit us.

HOTEL-CARNEGIE. The outside work on this hotel is now completed and all hands are busy on the inside. The plumbers and electricians are nearly through with their work. The building is plumbed throughout for gas and water and wired for electricity and annunciators. Lathers are at work all over the building and carpenters by the dozen are laying floors, running partitions, etc. The contractors for the plastering are to have their work finished in four weeks, and are hustling. The wood work is all out ready to be put on, and there will be no let up in work now until all is completed. A full description of the hotel will be given in a future issue.

GEN. WILDER'S BLOCK. The large block of General Wilder's is now going up rapidly. It is just opposite the hotel on First avenue, and is 125x140. The first story is of stone and the upper will be pressed brick with sandstone trimming. The second set of joists are in place and the brickmasons are fast getting the walls of the second story up. In the rear of the building and fronting on Second avenue is the

SINGER AND CHANDLER BLOCK. The brick work on it is about completed, and the carpenters are putting up the roof timbers. It is 50x140, two stories high and is of pressed brick with sandstone trimming. Around these buildings more than

THIRTY-FIVE TEAMS ARE GRADING the streets and sidewalks, under the supervision of Capt. McDonald, and it looks very much like business. Charles E. Osborne has the contract for laying about a

MILE OF CINDERLITHIC PAVEMENT, and has commenced on Center street at the corner of First avenue and will run up to Second avenue and around in front of the hotel first. At the foot of Center street on the railroad the

UNION PASSENGER STATION is rapidly going up. The walls are of stone and are completed, except the gables. Carpenters are putting on the roof and will soon have it enclosed. THE FLOORING MILL. The foundation of the roller process flouring mill is completed. The timbers are all cut for the frame and it will be finished at once.

THE FURNACE. Superintendent H. W. Hargreaves is moving things about the furnace with his characteristic energy. The iron work is rapidly going up and some of the machinery is arriving. The large pumps are being placed and the lining of the furnace, stones and stack are about completed. The elevator is finished for carrying coke and ore up to the top of the furnace. It is believed that in 60 days, if the weather is favorable, the furnace will be ready for blast.

ELECTRIC CAR HOUSE. The Watsuga Lighting and Power Company are putting in the stone foundation for a car stable. The building will be 50x100 and will be erected on the lot near the power house. The work will be pushed rapidly. The stack for the power house is also being erected and the boilers are being placed in position.

THE CORPORATION has a force at work putting in the bridge on Roan street and the work of grading Roan street and Watsuga avenue preparing them for the electric car line will begin Monday.

HOTEL CARLISLE is about ready for the third joists and contractor Adams is working a large force of masons in order to get the building ready for the roof before bad weather. It fronts 80 feet on Main and 110 on Division streets and will be three stories high.

THE BROYLES STOREHOUSE on Market street is nearly ready for the roof and will be one of the best business houses on the street when completed.

NUMEROUS DWELLINGS all over the city are covered with workmen. Some buildings are receiving the finishing touches, some are being enclosed and many are just being framed, but all are being built with an energy that is especially pleasing to THE COMET.

These and a great many other things are what Johnson City people have to be

THANKFUL FOR TO-DAY. The American says: The Knoxville Tribune is a staunch preacher of honest Democracy in a district more afflicted with the worst quality of Republicanism than any in the country. It takes the Journal to task for its hilarious previousness in predicting disaster to the Democracy of Georgia. We clip the following from its columns: "The General (Gordon) seems to be a badly wilted and withered flower in Georgia's political bouquet—Knoxville Journal, Nov. 18. For a wilted and withered flower the General is blooming out with astonishing force and vigor just now, much to the regret of the Republicans, who would have been delighted to see him beaten, because his defeat would have been a serious one to the Democratic party.

Death of Mrs. Henderson. Mrs. W. H. Henderson died last Saturday at her home on Myrtle street after an illness of several weeks in the 46th year of her age. The funeral at the residence Sunday afternoon was largely attended by the friends of the deceased. Interment in the city cemetery.

TO ENTRAP SOLDIERS.

Ghost Dancers Laying Snare for the Troops.

PIKE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Nov. 23.—The first knowledge that the ghost had commenced plotting to entrap the soldiers was brought to Agent Royes to-night by Wm. McGa, formerly an Indian scout and now a wealthy ranchman living in the vicinity of Buffalo Gap. Cap. McGa was traveling overland on horseback and alone. He enjoys a large friendship with the Indians generally, and last night stayed at one of the lodges about midway between this point and Buffalo Gap. He had placed very little dependence in the reported scare and therefore felt no fear in lying down and going to sleep in a tepee full of bronzed faced flowers, notwithstanding that they were all fully armed. A little curiosity, however, prompted him to feign sleep, and he kept his ears open during the early part of the night. The result was that he secured information as startling as it was valuable, and that removes every vestige of doubt as to the blood thirsty villainy which has taken possession of the ghost dancers. After he had been in bed, some time, a couple of hours or more, one of the redskins bent over to discover whether he was asleep. To all appearance he was. Then he heard them get up and begin a whispered consultation. For the first time in his life, McGa says he almost doubted his own ears. The Indians with whom he had laid down to sleep with a feeling of utmost security were deliberately planning to lead Gen. Brooke and his soldiers into ambush and shoot them down; their plans as McGa heard from their own lips, is to continue the ghost dance until the troops try to stop it. The place settled to carry out their murderous design is a place sixteen miles and a half north of here and a more advantageous locality for so devilish a deed probably does not exist anywhere else on the face of the earth. It is where the White Horse Creek empties into the Wounded Knee, and lays in something of an amphitheatre shape. The only practical way of getting to the spot is by the road that follows along the bank of White Horse Creek. Upon either side of this road and creek are dense clumps of trees, so many as to almost frame a wall on either side of the approach. The plot is to have a ghost dance in the center of this amphitheatre. By laying in the road with Winchester a distance of a mile and letting troops get well into the amphitheatre, they were calculating to wipe out every soldier that came, and the calculation is a perfect one.

James Sherrill and James Field, two toughs who have been lodging in the Mongie row, were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Hickey and Policeman Remine. On searching the room seven new overcoats were found. The thieves were arraigned before Judge Hart, and while the coats could not be identified, the Judge found sufficient evidence of theft to justify him in binding the parties over to court, and not being able to give bond, they were sent to jail. The clothing can be seen at Hart's office, and the Judge is anxious to have them identified.

Will Move to Better Quarters. Geo. R. Hurlbut has rented the store room recently vacated by Peter Tinsley in the Harr-Burrow building and will move The Fair to it in a few days. As soon as he gets into his new quarters he will put in a line of undertakers goods equal to anything carried by any house in East Tennessee. He has recently taken in a new partner and the business will be increased considerably. Those who have visited The Fair have been surprised and pleased with the general assortment of goods carried and the uniformly low prices charged for the various articles. The room now occupied and the Johnson store room are for rent. Apply at once to Geo. R. Hurlbut.

Prominent Citizen Jailed. JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 22.—T. P. Wre, of Hazelhurst, proprietor of one of the largest mercantile establishments in the State, was convicted today in the Federal Court of unlawfully retailing liquor and sentenced by Judge Hill to thirty days imprisonment in the Hazelhurst Jail and to pay a fine of \$200. He is allowed to give his business attention until January 15, when he is to go to jail and serve out the imprisonment. The evidence showed that the whiskey was sold by negro, who acted as a go-between, which, Judge Hill in his sentence said, made the offense greater. Copiah, the county where the offense was committed, has been for several years strongly prohibition.

Distinguished Guests. Last Saturday morning a Wagoner Palace car was sidetracked here. It contained the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, accompanied by Prof. John B. Proctor, State Geologist of Kentucky, and Mrs. Proctor. After breakfasting in the car they were driven to the E. T. & W. N. C. depot and took the 8:15 a. m. train for Cranberry. The greater portion of the day was spent at the Cranberry Mines and when the party returned in the afternoon the Duke and Duchess were delighted with their trip. It was the finest and largest body of iron ore they had seen in America and the Duke readily agreed that Johnson City was the natural point for assembling the ore and coal for smelting and manufacturing purposes.

They were given a view of Carnegie Iron Co.'s furnace and other industries from the railroad, but did not have time to take a drive over the city, which they regretted very much. They spent Sunday at Big Stone Gap and are now in New York.

GENERAL NEWS FROM SUGAR HILL.

SUGAR HILL, Nov. 26, 1890.

EDITOR COMET: The taffy pulling at the home of Sol Jones Monday evening was a decided success, socially and otherwise. The Hill folk seem to have a mania for fighting at such gatherings, but this time everything passed off pleasantly, save a few fights on the outside of the house. Hal Lyle took Billy Fritz's girl away from him, for which he was severely punished about the head and eyes by Billy. The weapon used was a huge hunk of taffy, which Billy had secured before leaving the house. The wounds, though painful, were not dangerous, and Hal, at last accounts, was resting well and able to consume his usual amount of hog and hominy. J. D. Faucette ate too much taffy and suffered much pain, as his face attested. Aside from these little mishaps, it was the most stylish gathering of the season.

Our young society folks had planned out a number of entertainments for the coming winter, but owing to the great depression in the money market, they have all been cancelled. The Thanksgiving dinner, the whole expense of which was to have been borne by Mr. Josn Grasshelli, was the most notable of them all. It was said that Mr. Grasshelli would spend at least four-hundred dollars on the dinner, which, consisting of thirty-seven different courses, he proposed to serve hot and in great quantities. Tightness in money matters, however, nipped the affair in the bud.

Sis Stoots and her father, Solomon, who have been running a peanut stand near the old still house for several weeks, were forced to the wall yesterday. The cause of the failure was that the people were too hard up to buy their wares, in consequence of which several quarts of peanuts went to waste. No one knows just the amount failed for, but it is rumored that six dollars and twenty-five cents would cover the indebtedness. The assets will amount to something near the above figures, probably not quite so much. A true statement, giving all the details of the failure, will be published Christmas Eve. Sis is very popular, and it would be a disgrace to the young men on the Hill to allow her to discontinue business. The failure was a great mental strain upon the old man, and when the crash came it completely paralyzed him, but he has regained his usual composure, and we feel sure that the amount necessary to pay the indebtedness will be raised by the young men, when Sis will go right along with the roasting.

Jordan Greenbrier and his excellent lady, who were married about three weeks ago, parted last Tuesday evening with appropriate ceremonies. The cause is known only to themselves. They were about 70 years old respectively. They were present at their wedding with a good 'possum dog, and it is whispered that they quarreled over the ownership of this dog. At any rate, Jordan led the dog away as his property. He relinquished his claim to the homestead and gave it to Mrs. Greenbrier, who stood in the doorway with her apron to her eyes, while he departed with the cry, "The dog following after. The Hill people wish them pleasure in their different undertakings.

Mr. Joseph P. Summers, accompanied by Bill Head and Margaret, were on the hill yesterday. They came in one of the famous "Old Hickory" wagons drawn by two beautiful, speckled oxen. "Joe," as he is commonly known by the Hill folks, is one of the most aggressive hardware merchants in East Tennessee. This interesting little party, after being added to by the Sugar Hill Society belle, Miss Betty Hayes, will leave to-day for Aunt Polly Smith's, where they are invited to eat Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

Great excitement prevailed on the Hill yesterday. It was rumored that Jay Gould was loafing around the Hill, and for what purpose no one knew. Some thought he had come for one thing and some another. The decision was finally reached that he had come to the Hill for the purpose of bringing about a depression in money matters, so that he could gobble up the railroad that is now being built from the top of the Hill to the foot of the rainbow, where that "bag of gold" is located. Every man, woman and child for miles around have assembled, and with expectant eye await his movements. These people are armed with guns, clubs, shovels, picks, "and the like," and if that young fellow is found he will never see Wall street again.

Eddie Duncan, of Johnson City, is engineering a prosperous singing school in the old meeting house at the foot of the Hill. In connection with the singing school, he gives lessons in elocution. Our folks never heard anybody recite till last night, when he gave the "House on Fire," which came near creating a panic and scared them nearly to death, as they thought the house was on fire, but he soon allayed their fears by telling them that there was no real fire, although Mr. Greasehell was in the house, and they resumed their places and listened attentively the remainder of the evening. Mr. Duncan has a very fine tenor voice, reaching such high notes that he blew the shingles off the roof of the old meeting house last night. The shingles have been replaced, and it is now thought they will stand the next test.

Eliza English, colored, is a victim of the green-eyed monster. While out walking Sunday night with a new lover she met Frank Sharp, a former devotee, and he, believing that he had been cast off, evidently preferred to see her dead than live for another; so he drew a revolver and shot her through the jaw, dislocating several motors and otherwise injuring her speaking apparatus.



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India Lawns reduced to 10, 12 1/2 and 16c.; former price, 12, 15, 18 and 20c.

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Heavier Kip Shoes for ladies which have been sold for \$1, will be sold for 80c.

Ladies' Heavy Kip Whole Stock Shoes which we sold at \$1.35, will be closed at \$1.10. Men's Lace Shoes, former price, \$1.75; now \$1.40.

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